

Torrance, California  
July 12, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a

regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, July 12, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilman: McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held June 28, 1938 and of a special meeting held June 29, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Frank W. Russell, requesting the removal of an acacia tree at 1008 Cota Avenue. The matter was referred to the Street Department for action.

A communication was read from Richfield Oil Corporation, advising that no pipe lines were laid or removed by said corporation under City of Torrance Ordinance No. 92 from January 1, 1938 to June 30, 1938.

A communication was read from the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles, advising that a building line ordinance has been established on Arlington Avenue, from Imperial Highway to 154th Street, and requesting that a building line be established on that portion of Arlington Avenue lying within the City of Torrance. The matter was referred to the City Engineer.

A communication was read from O.J. Casey, 5837 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, requesting permission to operate a lunch wagon between 230th Street and 236th Street in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, asking an appropriation of \$35.00 to cover expenses of the orchestra of Thomas Ulrich engaged for the dance held July 4, 1938 and sponsored by the Coordinating Council.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$35.00 be appropriated for this purpose. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

A communication was read from Ada M. Chase of the Torrance High School Art Department, extending thanks to the City Officials for the use of the Torrance Civic Auditorium during the period the High School had no auditorium. The cooperation and services of James Brodie and O.D. Butterfield were also commended.

A communication from Elizabeth L. Jones was read, asking permission to sell plate lunches enclosed in cellophane envelopes on Highway 101 near Waltheria.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, advising that a resolution authorizing an appropriation toward the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard within the City of Torrance had been adopted July 5, 1938.

A communication was read from the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, advising that the Highway Committee of that body will meet July 14, 1938 at 3:30 P.M. at the Jones Building, Hawthorne, California, for the purpose of discussing the matter of establishing a County Highway System comparable to the State

Highway System. It was requested that a representative of the City of Torrance be present at the meeting. Engineer Young and Councilman Hitchcock were authorized to attend the meeting.

A communication was read from Walker and Eisen, Architects, in which it was stated that they are proceeding with preliminary sketches and specifications covering a swimming pool and bath house, handball and tennis courts, recreational building and moderate repairs to the grandstand, and a recreational building and library at Walteria. They explained that all the plans would be completed to a point so that they could be rapidly finished if the Bond Election carries and if the P.W.A. acts favorably upon the application. In the event the Bond Election does not carry, or the P.W.A. refuses the application, Walker and Eisen are to bill the City of Torrance for their actual cash outlay.

Councilman Murray moved that Walker and Eisen be authorized to proceed with the plans. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

A communication dated July 1, 1938 from J.H. Stroh was read, requesting a leave of absence from his present duties as Police Officer holding the rank of Captain of the Torrance Police Department, said leave of absence to become effective July 1, 1938 and to end January 1, 1939. This request was made with the understanding that Mr. J.H. Stroh would, at the end of the six months' period, be automatically reinstated to his rank and grade of Captain of the Torrance Police Department.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from F.L. Hober, requesting a permit to operate a pool hall at 23223 Narbonne Avenue.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be denied. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented a report of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, covering activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938.

Clerk Bartlett presented the request of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for an appropriation of \$2000.00 to cover expenses for the quarter ending September 30, 1938.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$2000.00, in accordance with contract, be made to cover expenses of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for the quarter ending September 30, 1938. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

A communication was read announcing that the XVI International Housing and Town Planning Congress will be held in Mexico City from August 13 to 20, 1938, and extending a cordial invitation to attend.

Engineer Young reported that he had contacted M.R. Overholt and had offered to give him permission to remove the sand at the city dump without charge if he would agree to remove 3,000 yards in thirty days time, Mr. Overholt to furnish a performance bond. Mr. Young stated that the purpose of this is that the space at the city dump is needed.

Engineer Young reported that the City of Gardena had installed two fire plugs at a point where the City of Torrance could have access to them if necessary, and asked if the City of Torrance would be willing to pay either rental on one of the plugs or half the installation charge, amounting to \$75.00.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$75.00 be appropriated to pay half the installation charge on the plugs.

There was a little discussion as to whether or not a move of this kind would be legal, since the plugs are outside the city limits of Torrance.

It was decided to refer the matter to the City Attorney. Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motion.

Attorney McCall reported that the Harbor Rifle and Pistol Club had posted the necessary bond for the range established in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$85.00, plus sales tax, be appropriated for purchase of 500 feet 3/4" hose for the Municipal Park. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1202

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS  
WITH McKESSON & ROBBINS INCORPORATED.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1202 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1203

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE NAMING THE SITE OF THE COLUMBIA  
BROADCASTING SYSTEM KNX TRANSMITTER STATION.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1203 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

A communication was read from The Metropolitan Water District, enclosing a map showing the location of the Palos Verdes feeder and the proposed location of delivery for the City of Torrance.

Mr. Stanger explained that previous plans for location of a water main outlet at 203 rd Street had been changed in favor of placing one outlet at 190th Street and another at Walnut Street.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Metropolitan Water District be notified of the approval of the location of these outlets, Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$700.00 be made for a Chevrolet pick-up truck for the Water Department, allowing \$175.00 trade-in allowance on old truck. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$92.70 be made for cement meter boxes for the Water Department, said amount to be paid from the Bond Fund. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

It was decided to make the appointments on the Library Board at the next meeting.

After a short discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$800.00

be set up in the 1938-39 budget for the purpose of paying the water for the Community Garden Project, to be under the supervision of the State Relief Administration. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Mechtel requested the removal of an acacia tree at 1626 Amapola Avenue. The matter was referred to the Street Department for action.

Mr. Vernon Coil made a report of income and disbursements of the Coordinating Council in connection with the Friday night dances held each week in the Civic Auditorium.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

At 8:30 P.M. upon motion of Mayor Tolson, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to July 19, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

A. H. Bantel  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

W. H. Tolson  
Mayor of the City of Torrance